

# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

## Report on Facilities

Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

### An update on Facilities in Cambourne since 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### 6.1 BURIAL GROUND (Cambourne Cemetery)

There have been an internment since the last report.

It is:

**RECOMMENDED** that the report be received.

#### 6.2 ALLOTMENTS

The allotment renewals were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> September we are currently in the process of issuing a holding email while we sort this out.

The intention is to inspect all allotments and send out renewal forms to those being cultivated. The plots not being cultivated will receive a letter regarding not renewing as they are not maintaining their allotment. This should enable us to clear a number of plots and offer them to those on the waiting list.

This should be done as soon as possible staff permitting.

The Finance and Premises Officer is attending an Allotment course on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 run by CAPALC.

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#### 6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

##### Playgrounds

- Work is continuing on the replacement equipment in Great Cambourne Play area. The opportunity to review all the play areas and the trim trail to get a package together for grant submission. The two work experience pupils from Cambourne Village College did a lot of work on this and have collated information that is being priced. We will then hold a consultation with the users to support the grant application. This has been held up due to shortage of staff.

##### Open Spaces

- The hedge cutting has continued around Cambourne and will take some time to complete.
- Grass cutting and strimming continues.

##### Skate Park

The Skate Park continues to be well used.

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#### 6.4 PREMISES & FACILITIES

The premises continue to be well used by regular and private hirers.

The Town Clerk and Finance and Premises Officer attended a Webinar regarding the implementation of Martyn's Law which was announced in the Kings Speech to Parliament. The

new legislation will have an impact on buildings with a capacity of 100+ and open-air events with an attendance of more than 800+ people with a requirement to carry out anti-terrorism risk assessments and report any activities to a regulator (who the regulator will be, has not been decided). There will also be a requirement for Staff and Councillors to be trained to understand the implications of Martyn's Law. Council officers are reviewing the available documents so we can start planning for the act becoming law. The aim is for the legislation to be enacted mid to late 2024.

### **The Sports Pavilion:**

The Dugout continues to be well supported.

### **Cricket Pavilions**

The cricket club is coming to the end of their season, so the pavilion is starting to be used by private parties at the weekends in addition to the regular hirers.

- The planters outside the Cricket Pavilions and Bowls Pavilion have been replanted with new plants for the winter.
- A planning application has been submitted to SCDC for the Pergola by the Cricket Club.

### **Blue Space**

Work is ongoing on a plan for upgrading the building due to its age and usage.

### **Soul Building**

The installation of the snack bar has been completed and has been well received.

### **Sports Facilities**

- Original tennis/netball courts (MUGA) as previously reported the courts need resurfacing.
- A further meeting will be held with the Netball and Tennis clubs so we can work together on the applications for grant funding to assist with the resurfacing.
- As part of the budget work the council's element of the funding is being built in and will be finally considered at the January Council meeting when the Town Council sets the precept.
- The tennis court by the Dentist will also need some TLC next year.
- The grounds team carried out the close of season works on the Cricket Wicket and Bowls Green.
- The sports pitches have been standing up well to the large number of games being played on them. This is a credit to the work of the grounds team especially Kevin Taylor who looks after them.

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## **6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES**

To received report on Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre.

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## **6.6 TRAILER PARK**

The Trailer Park currently full, with the renewals due in March 2024.

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